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SUBJ: INVITATIONS TO PNG INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

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1. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF LETTERS FROM CHIEF MINISTER SOMARE TO PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS:

2. LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD:

QTE. PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES        20TH JUNE, 1975  
WASHINGTON, U.S.A.

MR. PRESIDENT,  
I AM HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT SEPTEMBER 16TH HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED UPON AS THE DATE ON WHICH PAPUA NEW GUINEA WILL ATTAIN FULL INDEPENDENCE AS A SOVEREIGN NATION. AS THE ISSUE OF FORMAL PRINTED INVITATIONS MAY TAKE A LITTLE TIME, I AM WRITING TO GIVE YOU THIS EARLY INTIMATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA LOOKS FORWARD TO THE PLEASURE OF INVITING YOU TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE HISTORIC OCCASION.

QTE. FULL DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE SENT TO YOU WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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THE FORMAL INVITATION, BUT YOU MAY CARE TO HAVE SOME ADVANCE

INFORMATION ON THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS TO ASSIST YOU IN MAKING PLANS  
FOR YOUR REPRESENTATION.

QTE. WE RECOGNISE THAT THIS IS NOT LONG NOTICE, AND IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO ATTEND IN PERSON. IN THIS EVENT WE REALISE THAT YOU MAY PREFER TO DELEGATE A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE CELEBRATIONS. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF ASSURING YOU, SIR, THAT IN SUCH EVENT WE SHALL BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE HIM AND TO ACCORD HIM THE SAME WELCOME AND STATUS AS WOULD BE GIVEN TO YOURSELF, IF YOU WERE ABLE TO HONOUR US WITH YOUR PRESENCE.

QTE. INDEPENDENCE WILL COME INTO EFFECT AT ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 15TH-16TH AND THE CELEBRATIONS WILL EXTEND FROM SUNDAY 14TH TO WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, THE MAIN ITEMS IN THE PROGRAMME BEING THE STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT, THE INSTALLATION OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL WHICH CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PRESENTATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENTS TO THE PRIME MINISTER, MESSAGES OF GOODWILL AND GIFT EXCHANGE.

QTE. IT IS HOPED THAT YOU, OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE, WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SPOUSE AND WILL FIND IT CONVENIENT TO ARRIVE IN PORT MORESBY UNDER YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS ON SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER. THEREAFTER YOU OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE THE GUESTS OF THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOVERNMENT. ACCOMMODATION WILL BE ARRANGED AND TRANSPORT AND ESCORTS PLACED AT YOUR DISPOSAL. DETAILS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN DUE COURSE AFTER THE ISSUE OF FORMAL INVITATIONS.

QTE. I HOPE THAT I MAY LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REPRESENTATION AT OUR CELEBRATIONS.

QTE. I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REMAIN, SIR,  
YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,  
CHIEF MINISTER END QTE.

3. LETTER TO SECRETARY KISSINGER:

QTE.  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THROUGH 20TH JUNE 1975  
HIS EXCELLENCE MR. MARSHALL GREEN,  
AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

YOUR EXCELLENCE,  
QTE. I AM HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT SEPTEMBER 16TH HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED UPON AS THE DATE ON WHICH PAPUA NEW GUINEA WILL ATTAIN FULL INDEPENDENCE AS A SOVEREIGN NATION. AS THE ISSUE OF FORMAL PRINTED INVITATIONS MAY TAKE A LITTLE TIME. I AM WRITING TO GIVE YOU THIS

EARLY INTIMATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA LOOKS FORWARD TO THE PLEASURE OF INVITING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THIS HISTORIC OCCASION.

QTE. FULL DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE SENT TO YOU WITH THE FORMAL INVITATION BUT YOU MAY CARE TO HAVE SOME ADVANCE INFORMATION ON THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS TO ASSIST YOUR GOVERNMENT IN MAKING PLANS FOR ITS REPRESENTATION.

QTE. WE SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO THE PLEASURE OF RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED VISITOR NOMINATED AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR COUNTRY BUT I RECOGNIZE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT MAY PREFER, FOR REASONS OF CONVENIENCE OR COST, TO DELEGATE YOUR ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE RESIDENT IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO BE ITS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AT THE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF ASSURING YOU THAT IN SUCH EVENT WE SHALL BE HAPPY, FOR SIMILAR REASONS, TO RECEIVE HIM AS SUCH AND TO ACCORD TO HIM THE SAME WELCOME AND STATUS AS WOULD BE GIVEN TO A REPRESENTATIVE TRAVELLING FROM YOUR COUNTRY SPECIALLY FOR THE OCCASION.

QTE. INDEPENDENCE WILL COME INTO EFFECT AT ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 15TH-16TH, AND THE CELEBRATIONS WILL EXTEND FROM SUNDAY 14TH TO WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, THE MAIN ITEMS IN THE PROGRAMME BEING THE STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT, THE INSTALLATION OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL WHICH CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PRESENTATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENTS TO THE PRIME MINISTER, MESSAGES OF GOODWILL AND GIFT EXCHANGE.

QTE. IT IS HOPED THAT THE UNITED STATES' REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE ACCCOMPANIED BY HIS OR HER SPOUSE, AND THAT THEY WILL FIND IT CONVENIENT TO ARRIVE IN PORT MORESBY UNDER THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS ON SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER. THEREAFTER THEY WILL BE THE GUESTS OF THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOVERNMENT. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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ARRANGED AND TRANSPORT AND ESCORTS PLACED AT THEIR DISPOSAL. DETAILS WILL BE NOTIFIED AFTER THE ISSUE OF FORMAL INVITATIONS.

QTE. I HOPE THAT I MAY LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR COUNTRY'S REPRESENTATION AT OUR CELEBRATIONS.

QTE. I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REMAIN,  
YOUR EXCELLENCY'S OBEDIENT SERVANT  
CHIEF MINISTER END QTE.

4. LETTER TO HIGH COMMISSIONER, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS:

QTE. HIGH COMMISSIONER                    20TH JUNE, 1975  
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS,

SAIPAN

THROUGH THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE

SIR,

QTE I AM HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT THE 16TH SEPTEMBER HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED UPON AS THE DATE ON WHICH PAPUA NEW GUINEA WILL ATTAIN FULL INDEPENDENCE AS A SOVEREIGN NATION. AS THE ISSUE OF FORMAL PRINTED INVITATIONS MAY TAKE A LITTLE TIME, I AM WRITING TO GIVE YOU THIS EARLY INTIMATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA LOOKS FORWARD TO THE PLEASURE OF INVITING THE AMERICAN PACIFIC TERRITORIES, AS FELLOW PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION, TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE HISTORIC OCCASION. I HOPE THAT GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA AND THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS CAN BE REPRESENTED AT THE CELEBRATIONS, POSSIBLY AS PART OF THE U.S. DELEGATION.

QTE. FULL DETAILS WILL BE SENT WITH THE FORMAL INVITATION BUT YOU MAY CARE TO HAVE SOME ADVANCE INFORMATION ON THE PRINCIPAL ITEMS TO ASSIST YOU IN MAKING PLANS FOR THIS REPRESENTATION.

QTE. I RECOGNISE THAT YOU MAY PREFER, FOR REASONS OF CONVENIENCE OR COST, TO CHOOSE ONE PERSON TO REPRESENT THE THREE TERRITORIES WHICH COMPOSE THE AMERICAN PACIFIC TERRITORIES. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF ASSURING YOU THAT IN SUCH EVENT, WE SHALL BE HAPPY, FOR SIMILAR REASONS, TO WELCOME THE DISTINGUISHED VISITOR AS BEING THE REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH OF THE THREE TERRITORIES.

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QTE. INDEPENDENCE WILL COME INTO EFFECT AT ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT ON THE NIGHT OF 15TH-16TH SEPTEMBER AND THE CELEBRATIONS WILL EXTEND FROM SUNDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER TO WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, THE MAIN ITEMS IN THE PROGRAMME BEING THE STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT, THE INSTALLATION OF GOVERNOR GENERAL WHICH CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PRESENTATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENTS TO THE PRIME MINISTER, MESSAGES OF GOODWILL AND GIFT EXCHANGE.

QTE. IT IS HOPED THAT THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE ACCCOMPANIED BY HIS , OR HER, SPOUSE WILL FIND IT CONVENIENT TO ARRIVE IN PORT MORESBY UNDER THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS ON SUNDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER. THEREAFTER THEY WILL BE THE GUESTS OF THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOVERNMENT. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION WILL BE ARRANGED AND TRANSPORTS AND ESCORTS PLACED AT THEIR DISPOSAL. DETAILS WILL BE NOTIFIED AFTER THE ISSUE OF FORMAL INVITATIONS.

QTE. I HOPE THAT I MAY LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPRESENTATION OF THE UNITED STATES' PACIFIC TERRITORIES AT OUR CELEBRATIONS.

QTE. I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REMAIN,  
YOURS TRULY,

CHIEF MINISTER END QTE.

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